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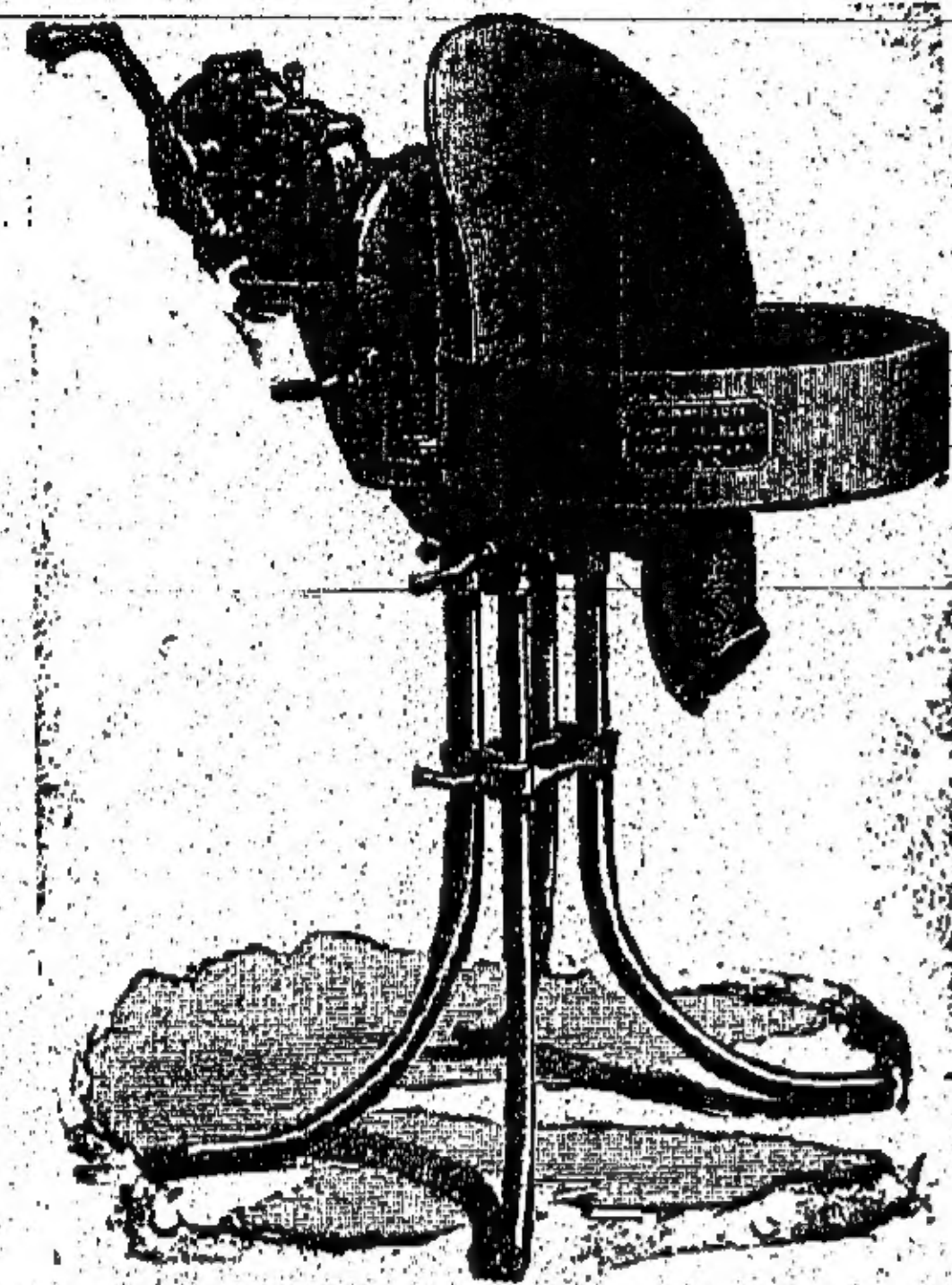
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SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The S. L. de. *Orlando*, from Middle East and London, left Singapore on the morning of 24th May, and is due here on the 25th May.
The N. Y. K. *Yokohama Maru*, left Singapore on the morning of 24th May, and is expected to arrive here on the 25th May.
The E. & A. *Admiral*, left Manila on the afternoon of May 23, and is due here on the morning of the 25th May.
The Imp. German Mail *Sachsen*, carrying the German Mails, with dates from Berlin of the 23rd April, left Singapore on Friday, the 24th May, at noon, and may be expected here on or about Wednesday morning, the 25th May.
The N. Y. K. *Kagoshima Maru*, left Bombay via Singapore, for this port on the 24th May, and is expected to arrive here on the 14th June.
The C. P. R. *Calcutta*, a.s. *Empress of China*, arrived at Shanghai at 5 a.m., on Saturday, the 25th May, and left again at 5 p.m., on the same day for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 9 a.m., on Tuesday, the 25th May.

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DEATH.

On the 20th May, 1901, Mr. Lai Tong, House, Estate and Land Agent, Broker and Commission Agent.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.40 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1901.

Editorial Comment.

There will be a feeling of universal thanksgiving that His Majesty the King escaped death of serious injury by the accident on board Sir T. Lipton's yacht, *Shamrock II.* We suppose His Excellency Sir Henry Blake has sent a telegram of congratulation to His Majesty on behalf of the community of Hongkong, and in doing so His Excellency will be acting in accordance with the public wishes. As will be seen elsewhere, this yacht has had a most inauspicious existence so far, but on the popular principle that a bad beginning has a good ending, we hope she will be able eventually to win the America Cup, so coveted by yacht-men on both sides of the Atlantic. As everyone knows, King Edward takes a lively interest in all sports and in no more than in sailing, and the first *Shamrock* sailed several times against His Majesty's *Britannia*.

The public health erected on the Praya front for AND RE CLEAN, the convenience of the burrowing Chinese coolie, at the instance of His Excellency the Governor, are being well patronized. This is satisfactory. But it would seem that a certain section of the Chinese, apart from their natural disinclination to wash, regards the baths with suspicion; their aversion and ultimate purposes are being misinterpreted, as usual, by the Chinese. Among the domestic servants and poorer classes, there is a feeling of distrust, and this feeling is especially strong among the Chinese women. They have been led to believe that the hot water is to be used on them after they have been forcibly disinfected in a sulphur bath, and their unanimous decision is that if the Government is going to do this they will return en masse to their native villages. We are informed that a number of the more credulous have already left the Colony; others have had sufficient sense to await developments. At present, they are all ages, and are ready to leave at a moment's notice.

The plague epidemic, we regret to say, is becoming more serious daily. It is overrunning the resources of the Sanitary staff, and, as the Sanitary Board has neither monetary resources nor administrative liberty, the public are wondering what steps the Government propose to take to cope with an epidemic, which in one respect at least—its virulence in the European section of the community—is more alarming than any previous epidemic since 1894. It may interest the Governor to know that the public are beginning to lose faith in him. As the head of the Government, they expect him to come forward in a crisis like this, when the Colony's credit is suffering from the presence of plague, and declare what he proposes to do to check the spread of the disease. Drastic measures are necessary. Surface overcrowding has all along been one of the principal causes of plague, yet the Government is allowing the property owners to erect houses which, when occupied, will only accentuate the old familiar evils of the 1894 and 1898 epidemics. Two storied houses in narrow streets are being pulled down and four storied houses are taking their place. Instead of more sunlight and fresh air getting into the streets and houses, those natural hygienic agencies are rapidly being excluded, and it does not require the prophetic instinct to predict what the condition of the slums will be in three or four years. Externally, the houses look finer, but the Chinese owners are simply building to evade the law, and the overcrowded areas will be still more overcrowded. In other respects, the law is evaded. The sapience of the Government in regard to the proposals for European reservations will bear fruit in a further spread of disease. These are matters calling for treatment at normal times; but, meanwhile, to prevent public panic, strong measures ought to be taken by the Government to cope with the disease, not merely to stem it but to suppress it. We understand that down to the present time, although the number of unclaimed unidentified bodies found in the streets has been on the increase, the suggested patrols have not succeeded in detecting a single delinquent; and if the recent decision in the police court is to be taken as a specimen of the magisterial aid to be given to the Sanitary staff were not surprised that the inspectors choose to let cases go rather than waste time at the Magistrate's. There are also rumours—we hope they are unfounded—that the Government is not taking the public into its confidence, that the official censor is at work. This does not tend to inspire public confidence, and if anything is being suppressed, we take it that it means that those who sit in high places do not like to look upon the plain unvarnished truth. Why?

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

Inward parcels by the s.s. *Paramatta* are now ready for delivery.

Sir Arthur Havelock has been appointed Governor of Tasmania.

H.M.S. *Gloria* has gone up North to relieve H.M.S. *Centurion* as flagship.

The Mansion House fund for the Transvaal war sufferers now amounts to £1,150,000.

We read that in a sale of coins in London, 'A Hongkong pattern tool, 1867, "one tool Shanghai," 1867, grained edge, fetched £5.

114,000 people witnessed the drawn football match at Crystal Palace between Tottenham Hotspur and Sheffield United for the English Cup.

Mr. Dallas has been very ill since the arrival of the *Dallas Comedy Co.* at Colombo. She was obliged to go to the Sanatorium, where she was attended by Dr. Rockwood.

The P. and O. steamer *Java*, now on her way to China, left England on 20th April with 1 officer and 45 men of the Royal Engineers for Singapore and Hongkong.

The Right Rev. C. J. Corie (Missionary Bishop to Corea) has been visiting the King at Sandringham and preached in the Church of St. Mary Magdalene on 21st April.

The Weekly Prayer Meeting, in connection with the Hongkong Christian Union, will be held in the Music Room, City Hall, at 5.15 p.m., on Monday, when Mr. John Pitt will preside.

The Duke of Cornwall and York has presented a silver cup as a trophy to the men in the several barrack rooms at Portsmouth, who have been distinguished by their conduct and ultimate purposes are being misinterpreted, as usual, by the Chinese.

The Government of the Straits Settlements will shortly issue a new series of Currency Notes of the face value of \$5. They will be of a size considerably smaller than the notes of previous issues, but in other respects will be similar.

At a recent meeting of the Royal Society, Lord Kelvin stated that while electric and magnetic forces could be explained mechanically by movements in the ether, it was apparent that the ether was not subject to gravitation, which remained a mystery.

We learn that Inspector McEwen, of the Naval Yard Police, has resigned, after five years' service, and has joined the staff of the Sanitary Department. The Inspector holds the plague and Billings medals, and did good service during the plague seasons of 1894-95 and '96.

When the last mail left England, it had been decided that Preston North End and West Bromwich Albion were the two clubs to go down from the First Division of the English Football League. The winners were not known, but Liverpool were expected to depose Sunderland.

Mr. Stafford Ransome, author of 'Japan in Transition,' who recently revisited Hongkong and the Far East, in the interests of *The Sphere* and *The Daily Express*, has been lying very ill at Colombo. Latest advices state that, under the treatment of Hon. Dr. Rockwood, Mr. Ransome was gradually recovering.

Whit Monday.

The Post Office will be closed on Monday, the 27th inst., except from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Correspondence for the Peak and Kowloon may be posted up to 9 a.m. The Night Box will be kept open. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Return of Indian Troops.

A Bombay telegram says: The Combined Indian Contingent sent to Australia for the inauguration proceedings of the Commonwealth arrived at and left Bombay yesterday (8th inst.), for Desai, where it will be disbanded. A Calcutta telegram, dated 11th inst., says: The 1st Bengal Cavalry, with a siege train, from Hongkong; the 28th Madras Infantry, and the Sappers and Miners at Wei-hai-wei; and the 1st Madras Infantry, from Tientsin, return to India immediately. Further reductions will follow gradually.

B.W.P. for Singapore—A Rumour.

The *Singapore Free Press*, of May 16, has a paragraph about the Royal Welch Fusiliers. We have made inquiries at Headquarters Office, but have been unable to substantiate what our Singapore contemporary says. The paragraph is as follows:—

A rumour, which has been traced to a Hongkong source, is to the effect that the Royal Welch Fusiliers will come to Singapore towards the close of the year. All that can be said is that that is the expectation, and the probability. It may be taken as pretty certain that Mr. Broderick's policy of forming garrisons for unincorporated stations has collapsed by this time. That being so, recourse would be had to the usual routine, particularly as indicated in the Army Estimates for 1901-02.

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Quarantine at Bangkok.

Vessels going from Hongkong to Bangkok are officially notified to call at Koh Phai for quarantine.

The 'Tantallon Castle.'

The latest news of the *Tantallon Castle*, wrecked on Robbin Island, near Capetown, is given in a telegram to Ceylon. She has been abandoned as a hopeless wreck, heavy seas breaking over her.

Alice Memorial Hospital.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethercole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:— Anonymous, £50.

Troops Returning to India.

The balance of the Remount Depot, four native field hospitals and a number of bullock drivers, aggregating about 800 Indians, are to return to India by the s.s. *Avrillon* and the *Volunteer* Active Service Companies. There was a considerable increase in the number of desertions.

Wireless Telegraphy.

It is reported that steps are being taken to institute a wireless telegraph service between Frawley Point, England, and Australia, with stations at the Lizard, Ushant, Finistère, Gibraltar, Malé, Algiers, Sardinia, Sicily, Cape Verde, Alexandria, Aden, Socatra, Colombo, Sumatra, Cocos Islands, Perth, Albany, Adelaide, and Melbourne.

Terrible Accident at Rangoon.

A Calcutta telegram, dated 10th inst., reports: Yesterday an explosion at the Burma Oil Company's works at Rangoon caused fourteen deaths, and seven others persons were injured. The oil took fire when a number of natives were repairing the roof. Mr. Shields, a European Assistant in charge, fell into the tank of oil in his burning clothes and died.

Progressive Hongkong.

There is an electric tramway in Corea, which is reckoned the latest progressive country in the world; there are electric tramways in several Japanese towns; the adjacent French Colonies are introducing electric tramway installations. In Hongkong, we are still speaking about possibly applying to the Government for permission to introduce electric tramways.

The Army Command in India.

According to 'Adas' in *The World*, Lord Curzon strongly urged the claims of Sir Power Palmer to an extension of the chief command in India, holding that the moment was inopportune for superseding one who had, by reason of his long and distinguished service, a prescriptive right to be considered in connection with an appointment which he had filled temporarily with great advantage to the Empire. In the Viceroy's opinion, the excellent arrangements made for the despatch of the Field Force, under Sir Alfred Gaselee, to China, reflected great credit on the whole Headquarters Staff.

A Valuable Prisoner.

The mining expert who has been employed by the Ceylon Government to prospect for gold in the Isle of Spicy Breeces is named Captain Patrick Dennis O'Reilly. The name is slightly suggestive of Ireland. Captain O'Reilly is a prisoner-of-war, being one of the Boer prisoners shipped from South Africa some time ago. He speaks confidently of finding gold in Ceylon. Although he has lived the greater part of his life in the United States, Captain O'Reilly is by birth a County Kerry man, and was educated at the Marischal College, Aberdeen. He went through a course of study at the School of Mines in Kansas, and afterwards pursued his avocation of engineer and mining expert at the Colorado, Transvaal and Klondike goldfields.

Kiaochau.

On the subject of Kiaochau in the report on the German Colonial Estimates for 1901, it is stated that the Estimates for this year are balanced at £552,500, being an increase on the Estimates for the current year of £52,837 10s. The State grant in aid is fixed at £537,500, as against £489,000 for the year 1900. A reduction of £2500 is foreseen in the receipts from the sale of land, and an increase of £1250 in the receipts from direct taxation. Under the head of non-recurring expenditure, the following items occur:—£5000 for the erection of a light at Tszedatzen, and £15,000 for the construction of a floating dock, the necessity for which is stated to have been demonstrated, in the interests both of the Imperial Navy and of the Mercantile Marine.

Naval Appointments.

The following naval appointments and promotions are intimated:— Staff Surgeon, V. G. Thorpe, to the *Centurion*, for service with the Marines at Wei-hai-wei; and P. F. Matland, to the *Argonaut*, to date April 24.

Assistant Paymasters—A. R. Ireland, A. C. Rice, to the *Gloria*, as secretary's clerks to Vice-Admiral Sir C. A. G. Bridge, to date April 20.

Commander C. G. F. M. Craddock has been promoted to the rank of captain in His Majesty's fleet.—F. St. J. Boughton (formerly of Hongkong Naval Yard), W. Driscoll.

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French Officer bitten by Mad Dog.

Le Courrier d'Haiphong of the 16th inst. states that Lieutenant Marty, Chief Postal Officer with the French army in China, has been bitten by a mad dog, and has been sent with all despatch to the Hanoi Hospital for treatment.

The Amateur Golf Championship.

Mr Harold H. Hilton has beaten Mr Low by one hole for the Amateur Golf Championship at St. Andrews. Mr Hilton, who belongs to the Royal Liverpool Club, was also last year's Amateur Champion, when he beat Mr James Robb, of St. Andrews Club, by 8 up and 7 to play.

Recruiting.

The annual report of the Inspector-General of Recruiting states that during the past year 49,360 men were recruited for the Regular Army, and 37,863 for the Militia, exclusive of the men raised for the Imperial Yeomanry and the Volunteer Active Service Companies. There was a considerable increase in the number of desertions.

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The Blight on the 'Arethusa.'

Lieutenants Wise and Pearce, of H.M.S. *Arethusa*, who were laid up in Hongkong with typhoid fever, are now on a fair way to recovery. The *Arethusa* was one of the ships that welcomed the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York at Singapore, and while there, several of her officers were attacked with malaria and died. One of them, Lieutenant Chapman, died.

Rapid Promotion in the N. Y. Police.

It is stated that the Naval Yard Police will take some beating in the matter of furnishing rapid promotion for its men. Sergeant Lawrence, of the Kowloon detachment, has just been appointed Inspector, after only two years' service. He joined the force as a constable on 16th February, 1899, and was promoted to sergeant on 4th March last year. The reason of this rapid promotion is due to the numerous changes that have taken place lately. The men, it seems, have nothing in the shape of pension (as witness the recent case of Sergeant O'Boole after 25 years' service) to look forward to, and since March last, we understand, that 75 per cent of the force have resigned or been discharged.

A Strange Suicide.

A remarkable suicide has taken place at the Chinese Embassy, Portland Place. It was that of a young Chinese woman named Ling, who had been engaged at the Embassy for a year, having been brought over to attend on the wife of the Chinese Ambassador in the capacity of lady's-maid. As she was not seen at breakfast on Friday, April 19, two English servants, both youths, were sent to her room, and they found her hanging to a hook in the centre of the ceiling. The hook, a strong one, had originally held a lamp, and Ling had gone to great pains in order that her purpose should not fail. The rope she used was a triple one twisted together, and the slip knot was cleverly contrived. In order to give herself a two-foot drop, she placed a table, and on that a chair, under the noose. Having adjusted the noose, she kicked away the chair, and succeeded in breaking her neck, and so dying instantaneously. All this had been done in the night, for the body was cold when found. The Secretary of the Legation, being informed, sent for a doctor, and also reported the matter to the coroner, who visited the place before any of the furniture was moved. With regard to the cause, the only suggestion is that Ling was affected by suicidal mania, and in this view, according to a statement made by the Legation Secretary on April 20, the doctor, concerned. These formalities having been complied with, the body was removed to the mortuary. The Chinese Legation being, by international law, Chinese territory for all official purposes, the coroner could not claim to have an inquest held. The Secretary of the Legation, on being asked on this point, said the usual course would be followed.

TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.]

FIELD-MARSHAL COUNT VON WALTHERSEE.

Approaching Departure.

[By SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH Der Ostasiatische Lloyd.]

SHANGHAI, May 24.

The German hospital ship *Gera* has received orders to proceed from Tientsin (Kiaochow) to Taku to embark Field-Marshal Count von Waldersee, the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Troops, and the Headquarters Staff.

DEPARTURE CONTRADICTION.

PRINCE, May 25.

Fighting between the Boxers and the Chinese troops, the latter supported by German and French troops, continues to the south of Peking-fu.

Count von Waldersee has fixed a demarcation line south of the Grand Canal, from Hoken-fu to Sien-fu.

The rumours that Count von Waldersee is going home are contradicted officially here.

PLAGUE IN THE MALAY PENINSULA.

Death at Kuala Lumpur.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

SINGAPORE, May 24.

A death from plague occurred at Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday, the 22nd inst. No further cases are reported.

[Kuala Lumpur is the capital of Selangor, one of the Federated Malay States. The Residency and principal Government Offices are there.—Ed. C.M.]

WITHDRAWAL OF GERMAN TROOPS.

[By SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH Der Ostasiatische Lloyd.]

BERLIN, May 25.

The withdrawal of the German troops from China commences in the early days of June. Two additional transports have left Bremerhaven for Taku.

A NOTABLE SUICIDE.

Brescia, the anarchist who murdered King Humbert of Italy at Monza in July last, has committed suicide.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE BOER INVASION OF CAPE COLONY.

LONDON, 22nd May, 1901.

Commandant Kruger, with 200 followers has re-entered Cape Colony.

It is stated that the fresh invasion of Cape Colony is due to the continued British harrying movements in the south of the Orange River Colony.

THE FORTE AND THE FOREIGN POST OFFICES.

Lord Lansdowne, in the House of Lords, said that the Government was determined to insist upon reparation for the conduct of the Turkish Officials regarding the Foreign Post Offices.

TURKEY AND THE FOREIGN POST OFFICES.

The British warships *Cresset*, *Empress of India* and *Gladiator* have been ordered to Salonika, on account, it is believed, of the difficulties with the Turkish Postal Authorities.

LONDON, 23rd May, 1901.

TURKEY AND THE FOREIGN POST OFFICES.

The difficulty with Turkey in connection with the Foreign Post Offices has been settled.

THE 'STAR' FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to shareholders at the third Ordinary Annual Meeting to be held at the Company's Office, No. 2, Cannon Road, at noon on Wednesday next:

The Directors have the pleasure to submit to shareholders their Report of the statement of accounts for the year ending 30th April, 1901.

Accounts.—The net earnings of the boats after paying all working expenses were \$32,320.64 as against \$28,445.53 last year being an increase of \$3,875.11. The amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account after paying for repairs is \$43,455.13 which, with the approval of Shareholders, it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—

Directors and Auditor's fees	\$1,000.00
Dividend of 12 1/2 %	14,835.00
Goodwill	5,231.00
Write off Boats	4,000.00
" " Turnstiles	207.67
" " Ice House Street Pier	1,359.06
Transfer to Reserve Fund	16,000.00
Carry forward to new account	774.40
Total	\$43,455.13

Capital.—By special resolution of 23rd May, 1901, the Capital of the Company was increased by 10,000 shares of £10 each = \$100,000 of which 9,610 were taken up. They were issued at a premium of \$6 per share, the amount paid up being \$59,500 and \$1,500 premium = \$61,000.

Boats.—The *Northern Star* and *Southern Star* were delivered last October and November respectively and are giving every satisfaction.

Ice House Street Pier.—This Pier has been rented from the Government for the Company's exclusive use. Guide and buffer piles have been driven on the Eastern side to facilitate the boats getting alongside and the deck raised off to separate third class from other passengers with taranetes for all classes, the cost of these alterations amounting to \$4,300.00.

Directors.—Mr P. Sachs having left the Colony, his place has been taken by Mr N. A. Sachs, the appointment of whom requires confirmation.

Auditor.—Mr W. H. Potts has audited the accounts and presented and offers himself for re-election.

C. P. CHATER, Chairman.

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